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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 7

Read: [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

Gospel Summary

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception.

Reflection for Families

It would have appeared to Jesus that John began to doubt. Perhaps it was the confinement of prison that let his mind question what he once so clearly understood. But even so, Jesus affirmed John in this scripture as the greatest of all prophets. From this experience, it is reassuring as parents to know that even when we doubt, either ourselves or God, we are still great in God's eyes. Our strength is in knowing God is with us as a loving parent.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Today is the day we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the pink one! Pink represents joy, and our families should come to know that it is with joy we await the return of Jesus. Ask each member of the family how he/she will bring joy to someone's life this week.

Discussion Starters

1. When I begin to doubt my skills at parenting, I always find strength in . . .
2. I come closest to understanding the joy of Jesus' return when . . .
3. A miracle I have seen in my lifetime that shows God's love is . . .

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